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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF TURKISH PLANS FOR PETROLEUM
PROSPECTING IN THE AEGEAN

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1. NOVEMBER 1 TURKISH PRESS CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER
OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, KAMRAN INAN, THAT THE
TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH SHIP SISMİK-1 (HORA) HAS LEFT FOR
THE AEGEAN SEA FOR THOROUGH REINVESTIGATION OF THREE
UNDISCLOSED SITES WHICH, ACCORDING TO ANALYSIS OF EARLIER
SOUNDINGS, ARE CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL AS POSSIBLE
SITES OF PETROLEUM DEPOSITS.

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2. IT WAS NOT APPARENT FROM THE ARTICLES WHETHER THE THREE
SITES ARE AMONG THE LOCATIONS (ALL WITHIN TURKISH TERRITORYAL
WATERS), WHICH WERE DESIGNATED IN SEPTEMBER (REFTEL)AS

LOCATIONS FOR FUTURE PETROLEUM DRILLING BY THE TURKISH
PETROLEUM CORPORATION (TPAO).

3. RIZA TURMEN, MFA SECTION CHIEF IN CHARGE OF LOS AND
AEGEAN MATTERS, SAID IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY THAT,
WHILE HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE SISMIK'S LATEST PLANS BEYOND
WHAT HE HAS READ IN THE PRESS, HE WAS SURE THAT GOT HAS NOT
REPEAT NOT CHANGED ITS POLICY OF CONFINING ALL PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION TO TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. TURMEN SAID THAT
HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT THIS
POLICY STILL HOLDS.
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